

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-29, 71, 75-95, 97, 99-102, 104-106, and 108-120 are now pending in the application. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action and are believed to place the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 251

Claims 1-7, 9-29, 71, 75-95, 97, 99-102, 104-106, and 108-120 stand rejected as being based on a defective Reissue Declaration under 35 U.S.C. §251. The Examiner indicates that Applicants failed to check an appropriate box regarding the specific statement of error being described and did not list the Response filed on December 4, 2007 on the Reissue Application Declaration by the inventor (PTO/SB/51).

Applicants submit herewith a Supplemental Reissue Declaration (PTO/SB/51) signed by the inventors. The Supplemental Reissue Declaration now indicates the specific statement of error being described (i.e., that the patentee claimed more or less than the patentee had the right to claim in the patent) and also lists the Response filed December 4, 2007.

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-7, 9-29, 71, 75-95, 97, 99-102, 104-106, and 108-120 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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